

"MTF Revenue Cycle Management"

Strengthening The Back End Processes

Cost Recovery Program
Manager's Training



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Metrics and You

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Overview

- Third Party Collection (TPC) Metrics sent "forward"
- TPC Metrics YOU should also review
- Medical Service Accounts (MSA) Metrics
- Medical Affirmative Claims (MAC) Metrics
- Remember:
 - Third Party Inpatient=MSA CHCS
 - Third Party Outpatient=TPOCS



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Questions Managers Need to Ask

- What are bottlenecks/problem areas?
- What monies are owed?
- Are there specific payors?
- Does everyone in the MHS have these same problem payors?
- How have other MTFs resolved these problems?
- What is the best allocation of my resources?
- What do my people need? Training? Software?



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- Number and Dollar amount of Outpatient Claims Quarterly
 - (TPOCS Reports->Tracking->Number of Claims Processed)
- Those bills actually out the door, not just generated by TPOCS
 - # in TPOCS not sent because they require work (on 1st of each month by clerk. These can be found in the bill queue and will be beyond the suspense hold date (manual process))
 - How does this compare to last quarter? to this quarter last year?
 - How does it compare to MTFs similar to yours? (a metric tool will be on the web in 05)
 - Will you meet your MTF's goal if you continue at this rate?



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- Number of Inpatient Claims Quarterly
 - Report in MSA CHCS: DD Form 2570 (MSA-IFM-QRP-PRR; Block 3)
- These are the institutional claims generated by taking the DRG and adding the professional percentage
- This should NOT include inpatient rounds as those should all be in the A-MEPRS and should not feed over. DO NOT bill inpatient rounds at this time
- What percentage of total discharges is this? What was the number in relation to last quarter? to this quarter last year?
 - Report in MSA CHCS: DD Form 2570 (MSA-IFM-QRP-PRR; Block 5)
- How does this compare to other facilities similar to yours?
 - Table on the web.... FY 05



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- Collected to Billed Outpatient Ratio Quarterly
 - Manual process for outpatient
 - #'s needed are on the DD Form 2570
- Use claims per visit
- CFY and PFY
- Look at this compared to the amount billed last quarter
 - you should be getting paid in approximately 45 days



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- Claims per Visit, Outpatient, Quarterly
 - Manual Process
- % of non-Active Duty visits with claim(s) Quarterly
- APV, Clinic, Pharmacy



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- What percentage of total discharges is this? What was the number in relation to last quarter? to this quarter last year?
 - MSA CHCS: DD Form 2570 (MSA-IFM-QRP-PRR; Block 5)
 - TPOCS is reported manually
- CFY, PFY



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- Claims per Disposition Inpatient, Quarterly
 - Report in MSA CHCS DD Form 2570 (MSA-IFM-QRP-PRR, Block 5)
- CFY, PFY



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- Collection Goals Inpatient and Outpatient –
 Annually and updated quarterly (Not: Goals come from Service Managers, Comparison reports from you)
 - DD Form 2570 (MSA-IFM-QRP-PRR, Manual Calculation)
 - DD Form 2570 (Reports DoD Reports)
- Initial, collections, percent



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- Other Health Insurance Compliance; medical record and CHCS – both must be current and the same
 - DQMC http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ebc/files/fa/TMA-Summary-Jul-04.xls
- DD Form 2569 in the non-active patient record within the past 12 months and current in CHCS



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- Billing (Manual and Electronic)
 - TPOCS Tracking Report (Manual Preparation: Subtract Electronic Billing Report from the Tracking Report)
- Number of Claims in Accounts Receivable
 - 0-90
 - -91-180
 - **–** 181**-**270
 - -271+
 - From date of service/discharge (AR Reports)



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- Number of Claims Processed to Date for Current FY
 - TPOCS Tracking Report (Manual Preparation: Subtract Electronic Billing Report from the Tracking Report)
- Sum of all claims processed electronically and manually
 - -0-90
 - 91-180
 - 181-270
 - 271+
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1. TPC Metrics you should also review

- Number and Dollar amount of Outpatient Claims Quarterly
 - Those actually out the door, not just generated by TPOCS
- Split out by APV surgeon/institutional, APV anesthesia, Clinic, Pharmacy (in house and from down town), Ancillaries, Other



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- Precertification obtaining insurer authorization for elective surgeries/procedures or elective admissions prior to surgery or admission
 - 95% for Elective Surgeries/Procedures
 - 95% for Elective Admissions
- After-the-fact Certifications for Emergency Surgeries/Procedures/Admissions
 - 95% within 8 duty hours of the emergency service
 - Report Manually Tracked



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3. Metrics for You to Review

- Billing turnaround (5 days from date of service in civilian sector) – 2 days from generation of bill
- Report
- % clean claims submission 97%
- Report
- Payor turnaround (average time to pay clean claim
 - Electronic 10 days
 - Paper 45 days

Manually Track or request Ad Hoc Report



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- Claim rejection turnaround 15 days
- Manual Process
- High-dollar unpaid accounts worked less than 5% over 60 days
- Manual Process
- Low-dollar unpaid accounts worked less than 10% over 60 days
- Manual Process



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- Gross days receivable outstanding
 - TPOCS and CHCS, AR Ad Hoc
 - Fewer than 50 days outstanding
- Net days receivable outstanding
 - TPOCS and CHCS, AR Ad Hoc
 - Fewer than 50 days outstanding



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- % Accounts Receivable greater than 90 days less than 20 %
- % Accounts Receivable greater than 120 days less than 10 %
- % Accounts Receivable greater than one year less than 2%
- Credit Balance on Accounts Receivable fewer than 2 days



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7. Metrics for You to Review

By payor:

- TPOCS TPC Summary by Insurer
- CHCS Manual Process (Ad Hoc)
- % paid on average
 - e.g., Total paid in last year/total billed in last year
- % of claims greater than \$10K/\$5K that "vanish" or "were never received"
- % of inpatient claims that were more than 10% denied (e.g., claim for \$4,500, partial denial of more than \$450)



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- Look over all your reasons for denials
 - Request additional information (what info, e.g., operative report, advance notification)
 - Timeframe for Submission Expired
 - Timeframe for Appeals Expired
 - Wrong Appeals Address
 - Member not found
 - Member not eligible
 - Wrong Payor Address
 - Not PPO network



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Comparisons in MHS

	3 rd Qty 2003	Army	Navy	Air Force	All Svc
Inpatient	Adjust to U&C	17.09%	9.85%	4.55%	10.57%
	Not Covered	6.54%	14.71%	14.49%	11.66%
	Med Supp Inc	0.21%	0.71%	5.04%	2.08%
	Medicare	36.89%	38.60%	64.73%	47.37%
	НМО	2.69%	3.97%	1.85%	2.74%
	MTF Compliance	0.00%	0.13%	0.42%	0.19%
	Refunds	0.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%
	Copay/Deductible	15.20%	4.69%	7.35%	9.46%
	Other	21.27%	27.34%	1.56%	15.87%
	Other2	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%



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Comparisons in MHS

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Outpatient	Adjust to U&C	9.90%	12.98%	5.13%	7.98%
	Not Covered	21.93%	13.27%	23.18%	20.96%
	Med Supp Inc	0.02%	0.11%	0.40%	0.23%
	Medicare	3.18%	4.53%	8.31%	6.12%
	НМО	0.25%	1.48%	0.96%	0.85%
	MTF Compliance	0.48%	0.10%	0.12%	0.22%
	Refunds	0.05%	0.00%	4.08%	2.15%
	Copay/Deductible	48.14%	53.12%	46.36%	48.14%
	Ccother	12.82%	5.14%	6.24%	7.94%
	Other2	3.24%	10.48%	6.93%	6.53%



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9. Metrics for You to Review

Clerk Productivity

- % denied allowed (and what types of denials)
- # of bills out by type (e.g., inpt, UB92, CMS 1500, UCF)
- + sof bills out by type
- % (\$ and # AR) over 60 days, greater than \$5K not worked
- % (\$ and # AR) over 90 days, less than \$5K not worked
- % (\$ and # AR) over 120 days !!!



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MSA Metrics

- Non-eligible/Civilian Emergencies
 - # and \$ submitted (by category, e.g., inpt, UB92, CMS 1500, UCF) by quarter
 - AR greater than 60 days
 - AR greater than 90 days
 - AR greater than 120 days
- Interservice billing/Foreign National
 - Compare to previous quarters, notice large variations



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MAC Metrics

- Injury Logs from ER/FP every day, forwarded to JAG
- Log responses from JAG
- # open claims,
 - Total number
 - # open claims over 365 days
 - # open claims over 2 years
- # claims closed in month
- # claims w/o visits for more than 90 days



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Review

- Metrics sent to HQ/TMA/Congress
- Metrics YOU want to see (and understand)
- MSA
- MAC



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Questions?



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Seven Points of Opportunity



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Overview

- Requirement to Collect Insurance and Injury Information
- Seven Entry Points
- Affects of Not Collecting
- Tactics for Gaining Staff Support
- Effective Staff Training
- Measuring Results and Providing Feedback



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Requirement to Collect Insurance and Injury Information

- Authority
 - Title 10, USC Section 1095
 - 32 CFR, Part 220
- Requirements DoD 6010.15
 - Chapter 3 MSA
 - Chapter 4 TPC
 - Chapter 5 MAC



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Seven Entry Points

- 1. Clinics
- 2. Emergency Room
- 3. Pharmacy
- 4. Laboratory
- 5. Radiology
- 6. Admissions
- 7. TRICARE Customer Support



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Seven Entry Points

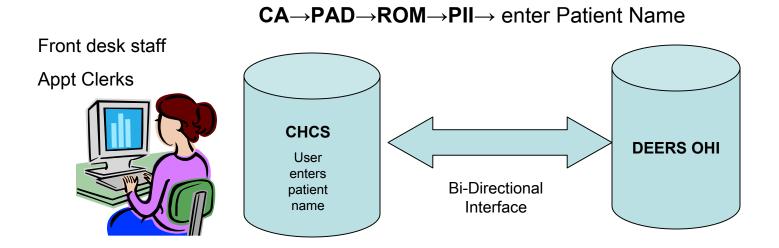
- DEERS will be central repository for OHI
- Several ways to query/update OHI
- System defaults
 - "Do you want to Add/Edit the Patient's OHI Data Now?" [Yes]



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OHI Inquiry to DEERS

CHCS Menu Path #1: Patient Insurance Information (PII)



- User enters a patient name
- CHCS will query DEERS for existing OHI Information associated with the selected patient.
- The data returned from DEERS will display on the OHI screen..

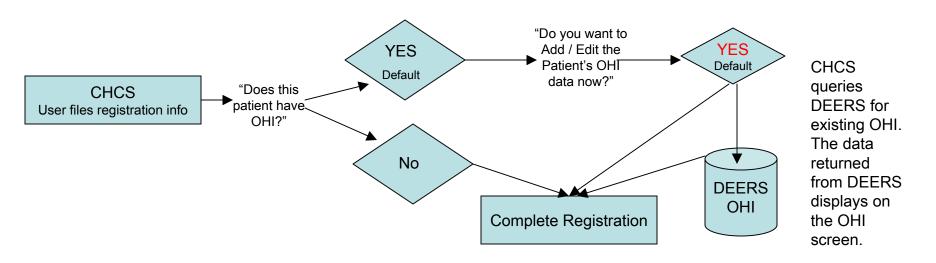


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CHCS Menu Path #2: Mini/Full Registration

CA→PAD→ROM→FRG or **MRG→ Patient Name** →enter/edit registration information



When a user accesses full registration or mini-registration, the user is presented with the opportunity to enter/edit OHI information for TPC eligible beneficiaries.

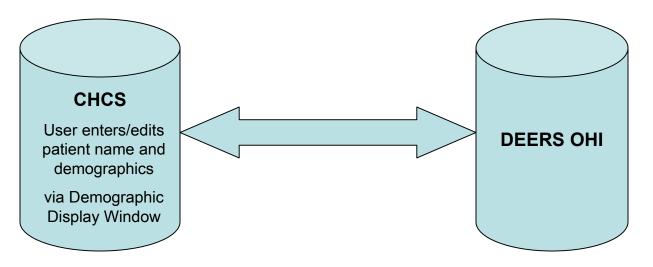


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CHCS Menu Path #3: Demographics Display Window

CA→**PAS**→**MCP**→ **Health Care Finder** or **Front Desk** option → enter Patient name→(**D**)emographics→(**O**)HI→ DEERS OHI query



The OHI enter/edit capability is accessible via the Demographic Display window in any Managed Care Program option where patient demographics are entered or edited for a TPC eligible beneficiary.

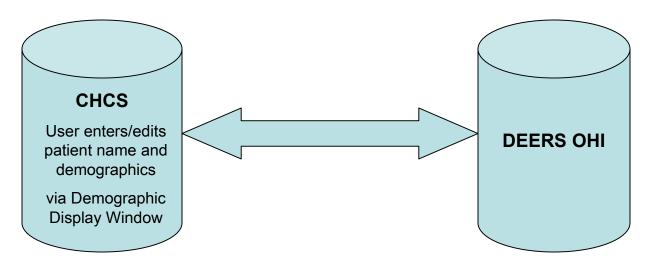


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CHCS Menu Path #4: Emergency Room

CA→PAS→ Emergency Room Menu →NER, WER, or RER →enter Patient Name→(**D**)emographics→(**O**)HI→DEERS OHI query



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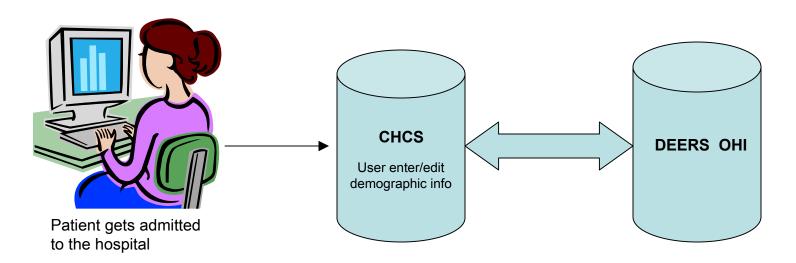


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OHI Inquiry to DEERS

CHCS Menu Path #5: Admission Inpatient

CA→**PAD**→**ADT**→**ADM**→Enter Patient Name→enter/edit demographics→DEERS OHI query



When patients are admitted to the hospital as inpatients, immediately following the enter/edit of demographics, the system sends a query to the DEERS OHI database

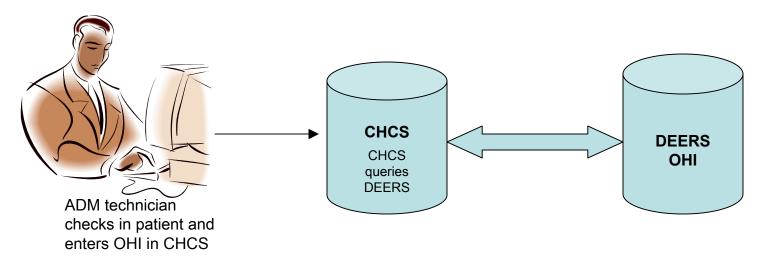


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OHI Inquiry to DEERS

CHCS Menu Path #6: Ambulatory Data Module (ADM)

ADS (secondary menu option) \rightarrow 1 ADM Data Entry Menu \rightarrow 3 Clerk Check-in Processing \rightarrow select location \rightarrow Select Provider \rightarrow select appointment data range \rightarrow select Patient \rightarrow complete encounter data entry \rightarrow Ohi & Demog \rightarrow (O)hi \rightarrow DEERS OHI query



When the Ambulatory Data Module (ADM) clerk checks in a patient during Encounter processing, the clerk is prompted to enter OHI for the selected patient.

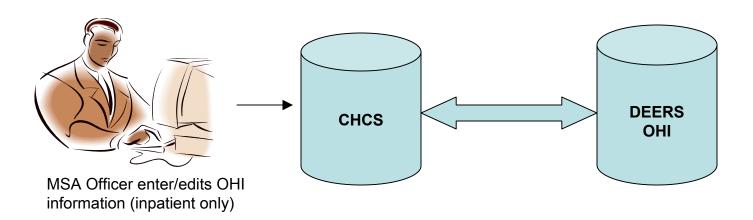


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OHI Inquiry to DEERS

CHCS Menu Path #7: Medical Services Account (MSA)

CA→MSA→IFM→IAP→ select Patient or Account→5 or 8



When the MSA user is processing an account, the user is provided an opportunity to enter/edit OHI information (inpatient episodes only).



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Negative Affects of Not Collecting

- "Unclean" Claims
- Rework
- More work on the back end



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Tactics for Gaining Staff Support

- Maintain Visibility
- Solicit performance improvement ideas rather than recommend
- Case Study



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Providing Effective Staff Training

- Just-in-time
- One-on-one is best
- Self paced for refresher
- Interview techniques



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Measuring Results and Providing Feedback

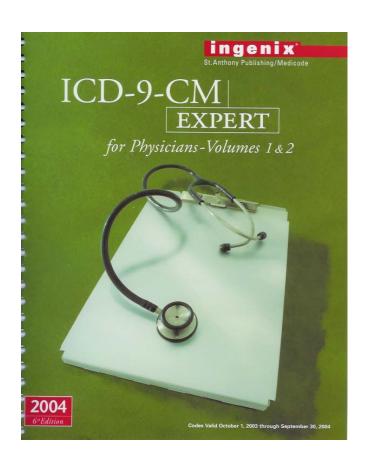
- Complete audits
- Compile statistics to determine compliance rate
- Present to key executive staff

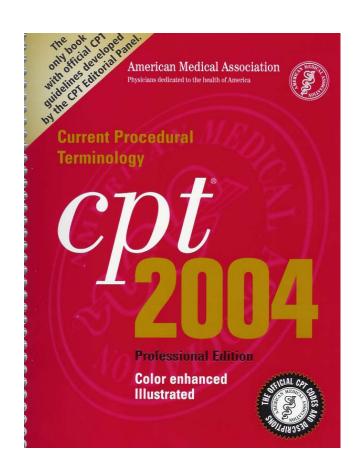


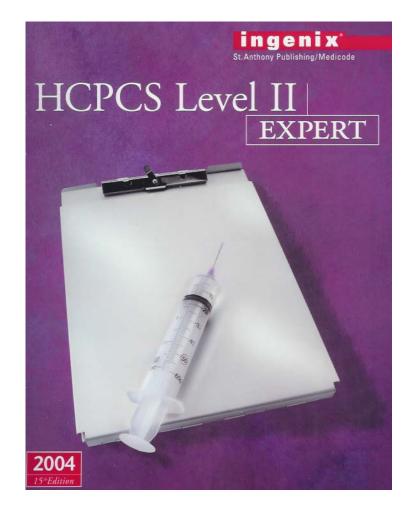
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Questions?

The Books







ICD-9-CM

- 3 Volumes
 - 1 and 2 Diagnoses
 - 3 Inpatient Procedures
- Shows medical necessity for outpatient
 - CMS1500
- Diagnosis and procedure = Diagnosis Related Group (DRG)
 - UB92

ICD-9-CM

- Alphabetic
- Tabular
- 3 digits:decimal point:1 or 2 more digits
- V:2 digits:1 or 2 more digits
- E:3 digits:1 more digit

CPT

- Professional Services
- Written by AMA to get money back from insurance companies
- Will you find uniquely cosmetic procedures?
- Will you find "institutional" codes?
- Will you find "Dental" codes?

CPT

- In general, have relative value units
- 5 digits
- 4 digits:F
- 4 digits:T
- May have 2 digit modifiers
 - Up to 3 of them
 - -- 25, -26, -50, -51, -57, -AA, -RT, -LT, F1

Example

- Diagnosis: Sinusitis
- Lab: Hem A1C

- Mod to change from 1st dx
- But if Diabetes is not listed, need to speak with coder to teach physician

HCPCS

- Other than professional services
 - Ambulance
 - Dental
 - Supplies
 - Nurse/tech stuff
 - Education

HCPCS

- Letter:4 digits
- May have 2 digit modifier

Rates

- Pharmacy
- Outpatient
- Inpatient
- Ambulance
- Anesthesia
- Cosmetic
- Institutional outpatient



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Data Quality Management Control Program (DQMC) Update



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<u>Purpose</u>

- To provide an update on the status of the Data Quality Management Control (DQMC) Program in the MHS for FY04 as it impacts Revenue Cycle Management
- And pertinent current month's (July Reporting Period/May Data Month) Data Quality Commander's Statements submitted by the Services

Implementation 1 Dec 00 (FY01)



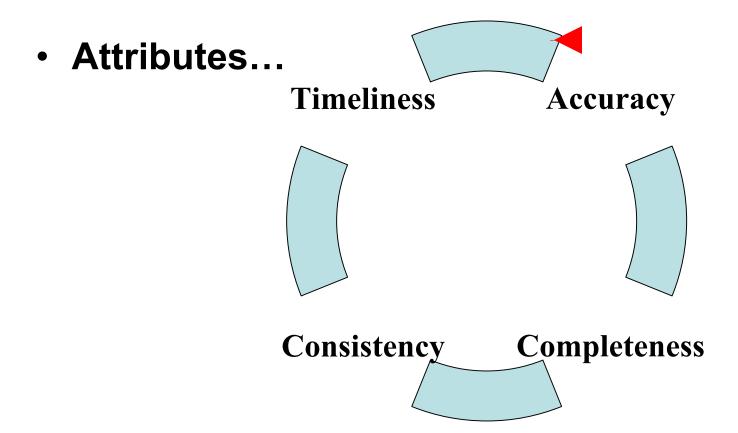
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Provisions in the new Medicare law signed by President Bush this week provide financial incentives to physicians and hospitals that participate in the monitoring and improvement of health care protocols, the Associated Press reports. According to the National Committee for Quality Assurance, "too few" health care organizations currently allow themselves to be monitored, and many potentially jeopardize patient safety by not following best practices. To promote quality reporting, the new Medicare law requires the Institute of Medicine to create uniform quality standards for health care providers as well as an incentive plan that will give physicians higher Medicare payments if they meet or exceed certain performance standards.

The new law also grants a 0.4% increase in Medicare reimbursements to hospitals that submit quality data to CMS. In addition, the law requires that the Medicare regional PPO—which will become effective in 2006—report data in order to continue participating in Medicare. According to one NCQA official, the law's quality reporting provisions will allow people to be better informed when selecting medical coverage, and it will allow government officials to better assess the quality of care that Medicare provides. Officials from the Leapfrog Group say they hope the new quality reporting requirements will pave the way for providers in the private sector to expand their quality reporting efforts (AP/New York Times, 12/11).



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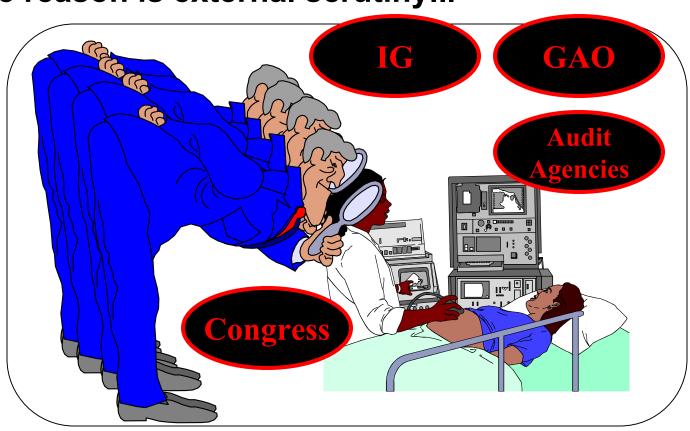




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Why Worry about Data Quality?

One reason is external scrutiny...





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Why Worry about Data Quality?

More importantly, poor data quality hurts our own efforts to improve...





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Problems with Information Technology

- Typically, Data Quality is formulated as an IT problem..
 - Some of our problems with data quality can be attributed to problems with Information Technology (IT).
 - Examples:
 - Errors in transmission of data.
 - Errors in processing data.
 - Unsynchronized databases.
- But...
 - The most difficult problems we face with data quality are not directly attributable to IT, nor readily fixed by IT solutions.



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Non-Technological Problems

- Just a few examples of non-IT problems causing problems with data quality...
 - Lack of standardized business rules and policies.
 - Inconsistent choices of codes, weights, and algorithms.
 - Lack of adequate training and education.
 - Lack of adequate local data quality assurance.
 - Failure to set and enforce tough performance expectations about data quality.



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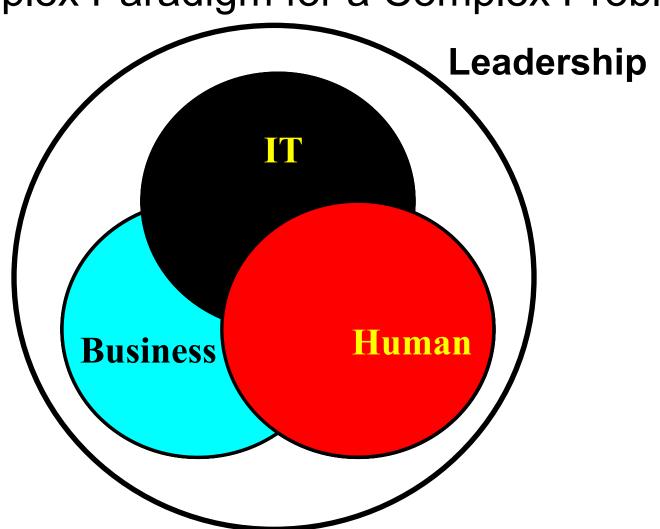
Why is this Important?

- Consequences of an incorrect diagnosis or an overly simplistic formulation of the problem...
 - Treat only part of the problem.
 - Don't treat serious problems that need fixing.
 - Responsibility, accountability, resources in the wrong places.



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Complex Paradigm for a Complex Problem





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So, What Can We Do About Data Quality?

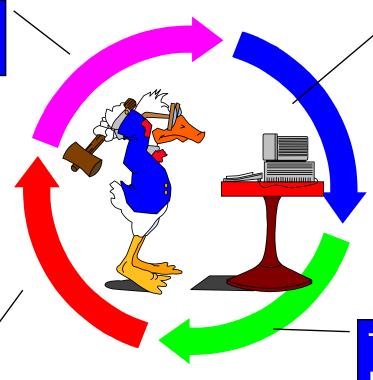
- Emphasize Senior Level Leadership.
- Solve the business problems.
- Coordinate IT solutions that follow the business.
- Training and Education.
 - MHS employees must understand the business.
 - Employees using automation, must understand their responsibilities.
- Provide Timely Feedback.
- Provide Support.
- Internal and External Management Control.
- Fix IT Problems.



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Locked in a Vicious Circle

No Investment in Quality



Poor Quality
Data Sent

The Data are Not Valued

The Data are No Good



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Training and Education

- Our people have to understand both the business and the technology...
 - Data Quality Training Course.
 - Aimed at data quality managers and others.
 - Education: Quality data requires more than training data-entry personnel
 - TRICARE Financial Management Education Program (TFMEP)
 - Working Information Systems to Determine Optimal Management Course.
 - MEPRS Application and Data Improvement Course.



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Information Technology

- Complete redesign of Corporate Information Systems.
 - Synchronization of databases.
 - Consistent engineering of data paths from source to central repository.
 - Quality control built into data feeds.
- Redesign of user interfaces.
- Elimination of Human Interfaces between Systems.

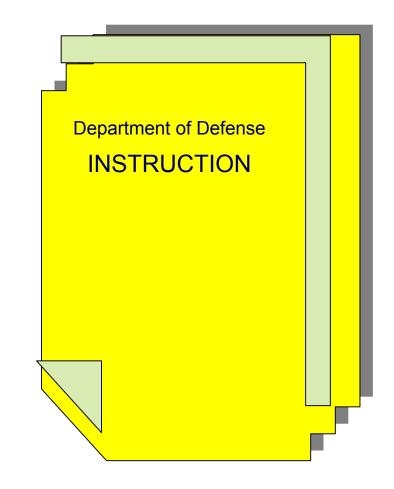




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Regulatory Guidance

DODI 6040.40
Military Health System
Data Quality
Management Control
Procedures





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MHS DQ Management Control Program

Background

- DoD-IG identified material management control weakness for MHS - Directed development of data quality assurance and management control program.
- DoD Inspector General report concerning the FY98 retirement liability estimate.
- GAO Medicare subvention demonstration report.
- ASD(HA) concurred with DoDIG material management control weakness findings.
- ASD(HA) designated TMA Resource Management Steering Committee to oversee the development of an MHS DQ Management Control Program.





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MHS DQ Management Control Program

Components of Program

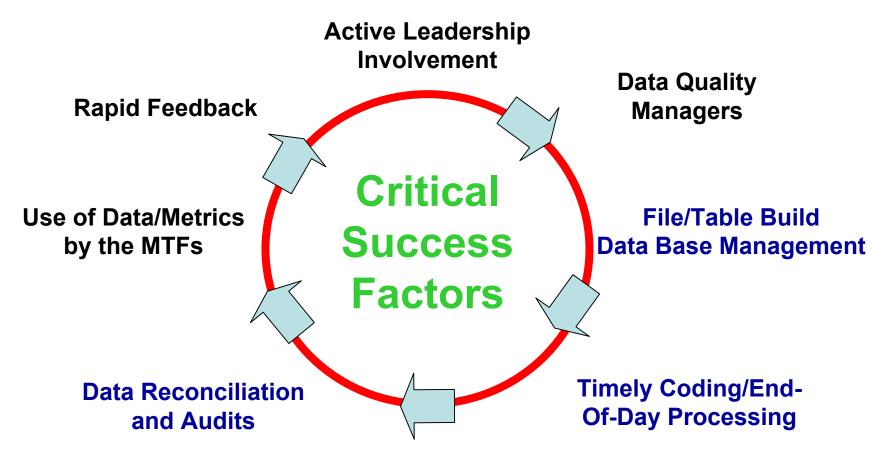
- Data Quality Manager and Data Quality Assurance Team
- DQMC Review List Internal tool to assists MTFs monthly in identifying and correcting financial and clinical workload data problems. This list is prepared by the Data Quality Manager and Data Quality AssuranceTeam.
- Commander's Monthly Data Quality Statement Specific information from the DQMC Review List that the commander approves for forwarding to Service DQ managers and the TMA Management Control Program Manager.



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MHS DQ Management Control Program

Components of Program





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The Service DQ Manager is responsible for consulting with the MTF DQ Manager to implement and monitor the DQMC program

MHS DQ Management Control Program

What Does TMA Do?

- Commander's Statements are received from Services on the 10th of the month for the preceding month.
- A summary "Barber Pole" along with supporting charts are constructed for briefs to both the Resource Management Steering Committee on a monthly basis and TMA Senior Leadership and Service DSGs Quarterly
- These charts along with an updated "Hard Spots List" are distributed to the Service DQMC POCs for their monthly meeting at TMA-RM.
- Service and TMA-Wide issues are discussed and documented at these meetings.
- Mr. David Fisher, Director of Management Controls & Financial Studies, Office of the CFO, TMA POC.

TMA/RM is Responsible for The MTF DO Manager Developing Metrics Service DO Manager and Members of the DQ Relating to DOMC Program Identifies Data Quality Assurance Team or Deficiencies and Proposed (other designated Corrective Actions structures) will Complete the Monthly DQMC Review List and Commander's Monthly Data Quality Statement Metrics from the DQMC Program will be reported in TRICARE Operational Performance Statements Service DQ Manager Briefs the Service Surgeons General The MTF DQ Manager Briefs the Results to the MTF Executive Committee Metrics from the DQMC Program will be presented in briefings to the Deputy Surgeons General Service BQ Manager forwards the Data Quality Deficiencies and Findings with Proposed Corrective Action to the The Commander reviews. Resource Management signs, and forward the Monthly Data Quality Steering Committee (RMSC) through the Management Statement to the Service DQ Control Program Office in Manager The ASD (HA) will provide an Tricare Management Activity Annual Statement of Assurance to Resource Management the Secretary of Defense (TMA/RM) regarding the status of the DQMC Program.



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MHS DQ Management Control Program

Service Results

The following General Comments, "Barber Pole", and Charts outline the summarized results of the Data Quality Commander's Statements submitted by each Service for Jul 04 (Data Month May FY04).

- Metric Standards (colors) are as follows:
 - <u>Green</u> 95-100
 - Yellow 80-94
 - **Red** 0-79



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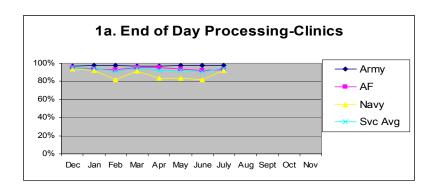
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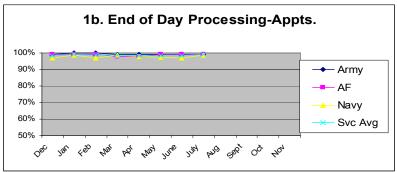
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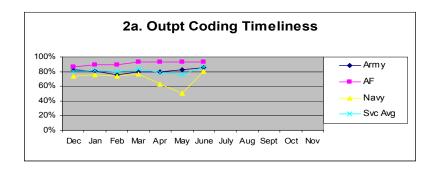


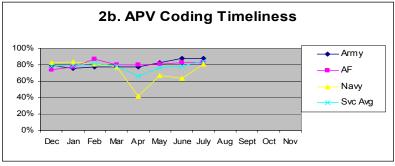
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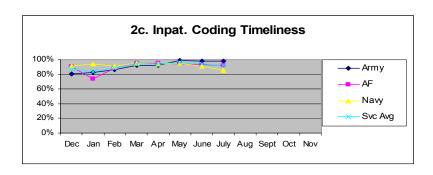


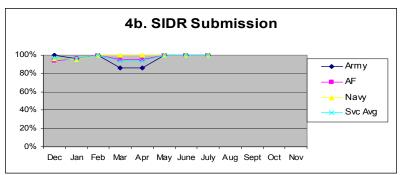


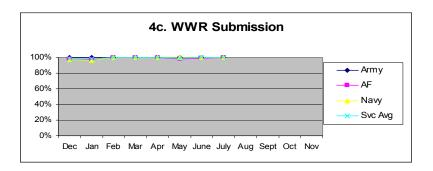


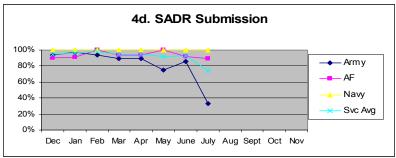
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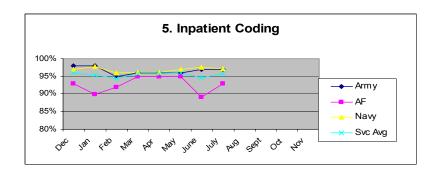


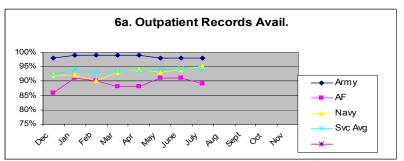


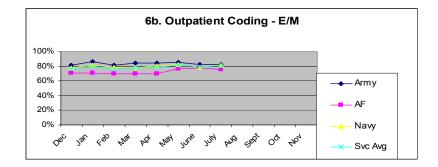


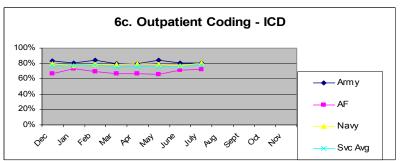
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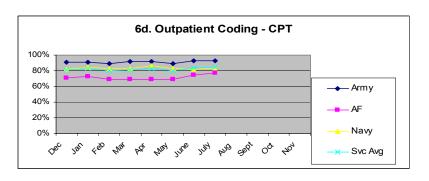


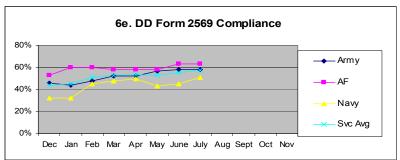


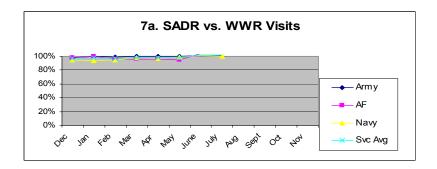


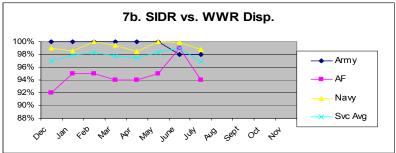
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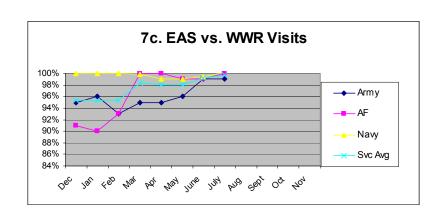


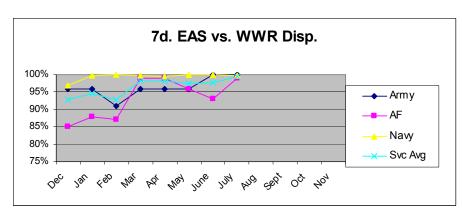


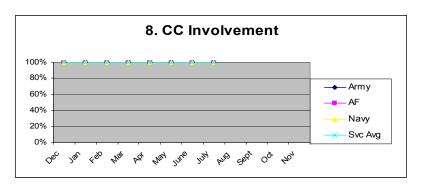


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DoD-IG MTF Specific Comments

- Responses to the Commander's Statements and Control Review Lists are unreliable. Need audit/validation of responses in the Commander's Statement/Review List.
- Lack of audit trail no supporting documentation.
- Lack of accountability.
- Lack of training.
- Inadequate dedication of resources to data quality.



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Concerns

- Prevents DHP and OSD from receiving a "Clean Audit Opinion."
- Puts future DHP funding in jeopardy.
- Puts Prospective Payment in jeopardy.
- Third Party Collections (TPC) placed in jeopardy.
- Jeopardizes Managed Care Support Contract BPAs/REAs.
- Jeopardizes MTF Accrual Financing Reimbursement



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Management Plan (Jul 01)

- DoD-IG (Service Directs) Memo signed 17 Oct 01
- Clarify DQMC Review List Questions. Service initiative began work on 13 Jul 01 - <u>Completed</u>
- Training
 - Web-Based Solution Enhance current DQ/DQMC Web Site i.e. FAQs etc. Completed
 - Current Quarterly Data Quality Training Class Completed
- Compliance Monitoring (Service IG, IC, Audit Agency, ARS Bridge Confirmation) - Memo signed 17 Oct 01
- MTF Visibility and Feedback Memo signed 17 Oct 01



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Management Plan (Con't)

- Leverage Service Data Analysis Capability (Army PASBA etc.)
 Working/Discussed at DQMC Meeting
- "Low Hanging" Enhancements (e.g. CHCS Workload Accounting Enhancements, Automated Reporting) <u>Funded</u>
- Investigate Coding Improvement initiatives Working
- Continue EAS-IV Implementation Oversight Working
- "Spread the Word" Brief DQMC Program at Various TMA and Service-level events.
- DQMC Program incorporated into a Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI)
- 26 Nov 02



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External Audit Results (CY02)

External Audit Results (CY03)



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Findings CY02

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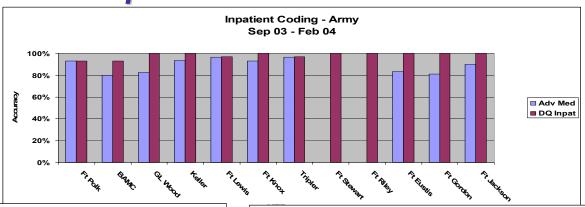
- Unavailability of records (47%).
- Specific encounter not found in 9% of the records.
- Coded incorrectly, 27%; 70% over coded, 30% under coded.
- Coded correctly, 17%.

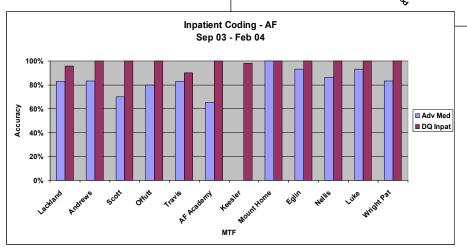
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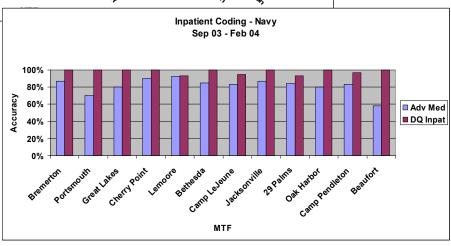


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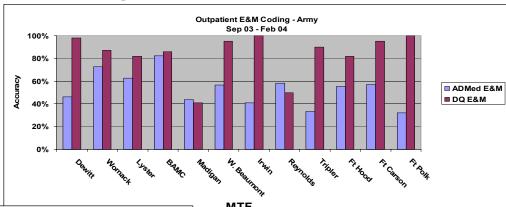


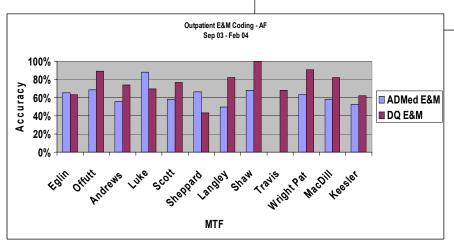


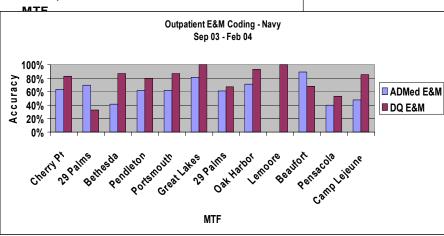


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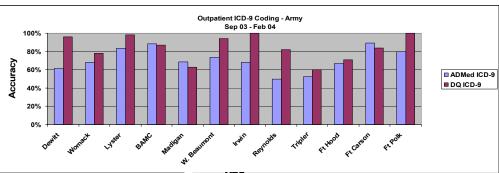


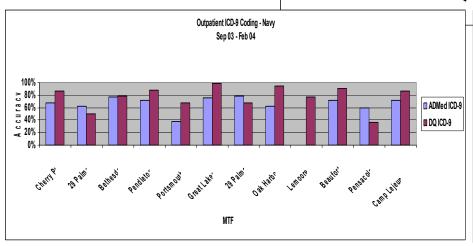


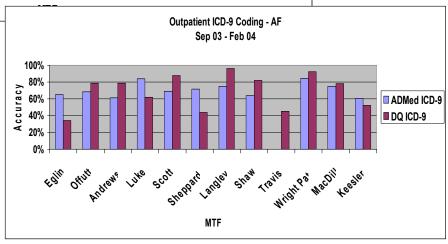


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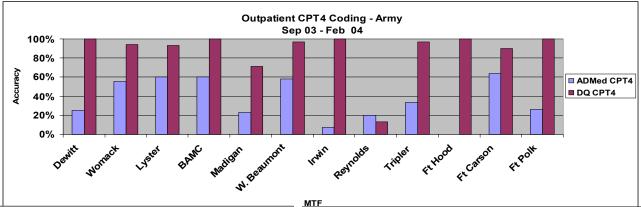


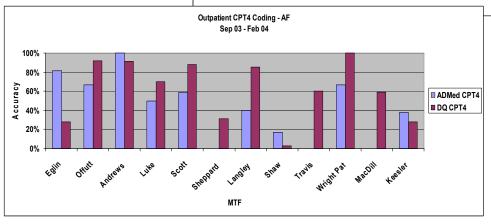


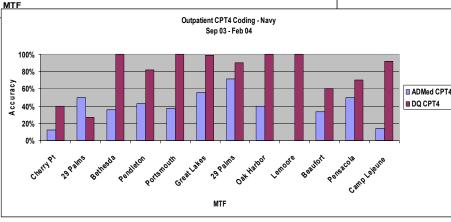


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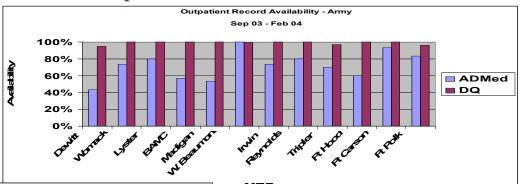


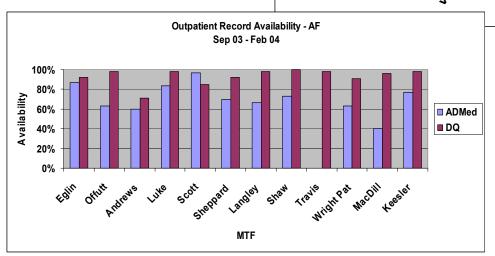


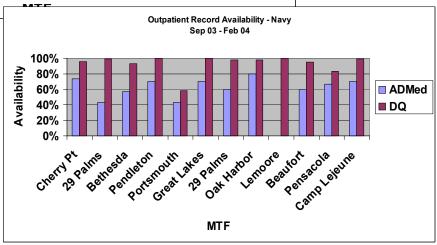


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Modalities/FY03/04 Plan

- Policy Memoranda, DoD Directive and Instructions
 - Two memos to Assistant Secretaries for M&RA
 - One overarching DoDD—Signed 13 Apr 04
 - Two DoDIs—Signed 10 Jun 04
- Training (160 at DQ Course FY03 YTD)
 - Course modified to "Teach Me How..."
 - 350+ briefed at 2003 MEPRS Conf
 - Taught Navy PAD, TEFMEP courses, UBO
- Performance Metrics
 - DoDI 6040.40 of 26 Nov 02 (Data Quality Management Control)
- Internal Compliance, External Evaluation
 - Memo to Assistant Secretaries for M&RA (IG/Audit Service)
 - Audit Contract



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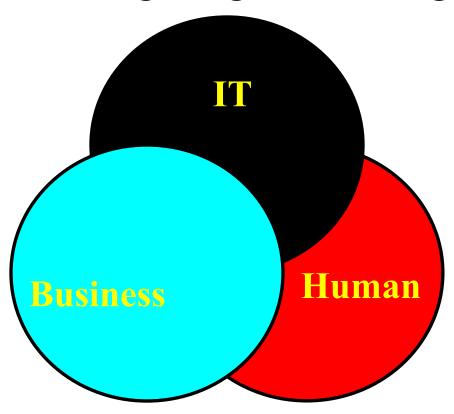
Benefits

- Availability of records provide the communications link between providers; continuity of care.
- Record/coding provides evidence of treatment, supports budget, reimbursement, billing.
- Record/coding supports training and education.
- Record/coding facilitates quality assurance processes.
- Record provides the legal defense for patients, providers, MHS.



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An Ongoing Challenge





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How Can You Help

- Brief medical staff on command data.
 - Executive Steering Committee
 - Department and Division Heads
- Develop Dashboards.
- Provide feedback to staff.
- Participate/knowledgeable data quality at your MTF.
 - Reporting
 - Analysis
- Network and share information.





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Service Data Quality Managers

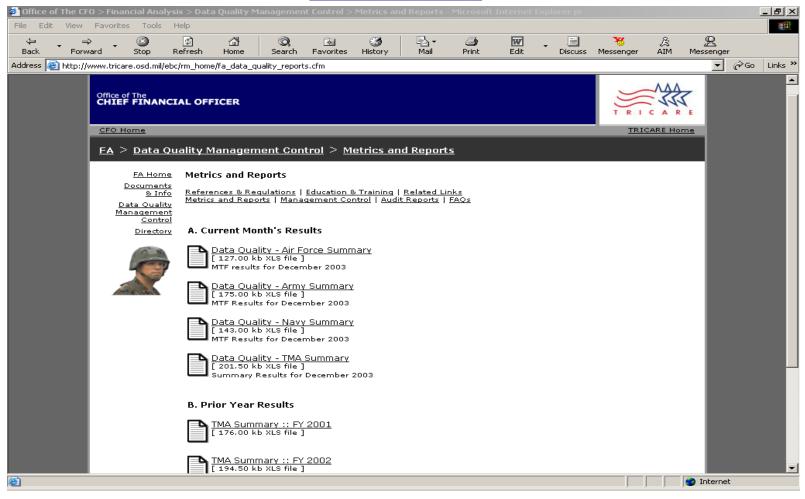
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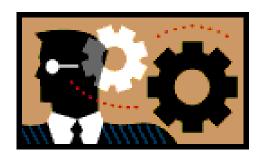
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Questions?





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"Your Honor"

The Potential for Litigation Against an MTF



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How simple mistakes can get out of control

- Provider registration in the pharmacy
 - Entering a fake civilian provider DEA or License ID
 - Entering the wrong location
 - Entering the wrong set of specialties
 - Knowingly selecting a convenient name, or the first item on the pick list
 - Selecting an improper provider clinic
- If a lawsuit is filed, and a pattern is found, the MTF loses.
- Ignorance of data quality issues will not justify the downstream problems that can occur.



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FRAUD

- Deceit, trickery; a: Intentional perversion of truth in order to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. B: An act of deceiving or misrepresenting.
 - (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition)

Abuse

- Practices that directly or indirectly result in result in unnecessary costs.
 - (Hospital Chargemaster Guide 2004)



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Examples of fraud

- Billing for services or supplies that were not provided
 - (appointment not kept, prescription not picked up)
- Split billing
 - (i.e. 90 day supply 3 times for 30, unbundling labs)
- Misrepresenting the diagnosis
 - (upcoding)
- Submitting a claim for non-chargeable services, supplies or equipment
 - (DME/DMS)
- Claiming bad debt without first genuinely attempting to collect payment
 - (Due Process)



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System Reports

There are three standards to "judge" whether a service is abusive:

- Is the Service medically necessary?
 - (Documentation is the key)
- Does the service conform to professionally recognized standards?
 - (Medical necessity)
- Is the service provided at a fair price?
 - (CHAMPUS Allowable Charge (CMAC) rates are established under 32 CFR 199.14)



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Covered vs. Noncovered vs. Nonbillable Services

- Know the rules
 - 32 CFR 220
 - 10 USC1095
 - TMA/UBO Policy and guidance
 - Service Specific Guidance
- If charges are generated for nonbillable services, the billing staff should <u>delete them from the</u> claim. Example: DME/DMS



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- The biller is responsible for knowing and following national coverage and billing guidelines as delineated in federal statutes, regulations, coverage issues, and billing manuals.
- Billers are also expected to remain aware of new and changing policies and stay current with all coverage regulations



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Questions?



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File and Table Settings



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What is the difference in a File and Table

 A table is fixed (generally supplied by the government example: NDC Numbers, Provider Class, etc)

 A File is generated by a member of the MTF or someone that has system access and can be changed when appropriate



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- Your System Administrator will have access to all files and tables
 - Each unit/clinic should ensure that files are accurate, deleted when appropriate and updated when errors are found



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- CODE: 01 DESCRIPTION: MEDICAL DOCTOR/DOCTOR OSTEOPATHY
- CODE: 02 DESCRIPTION: MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER
- CODE: 03 DESCRIPTION: ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER
- CODE: 04 DESCRIPTION: ADDITIONAL MEDICAL PROVIDER
 - Optometrist
 - Physical Therapist
 - Physician Assistant
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Etc



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Provider Specialty

Name: BRIDDELL, CONNIE

Provider Flag: PROVIDER

Provider ID: BRIDCON

Provider Class: PHYSICIAN STAFF 1P

SSN: 080-99-1212

Select PROVIDER SPECIALTY:

+ INTERNIST

+ CARDIOLOGIST

Primary Provider Taxonomy: 207R00000X

CMAC Provider Class: 01 - MEDICAL DOCTOR/DOCTOR OSTEOPATHY

Select PROVIDER TAXONOMY:

207LC0200X

+ 207P00000X

Location: INT MED CL BE

HCP SIDR-ID: 011AAO

Branch of Service: ARMY

Rank: LIEUTENANT COLONEL 2004 UBO Revenue Cycle Management Pilot Training www.tricare.osd.mil/ubo



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	* * * PATIENT CATEGO	RY BIL	LING '	TABLE *	* *	
		Inpat	ient	Outpat	ient	Pay
Code	Description	Ind	Agy	Ind 	Agy	Mode
K71	FMS NATO CIVILIAN - ITO	NC	FRR	NC	FOR	DD7/DD7A
K75	NON-NATO FAM MBR IMET/FM	NC	FLEX	NC	FOR	DD7/DD7A
N11	USN ACTIVE DUTY	SR	NC	NC	NC	DD139
N12	USN AD RES	SR	NC	NC	NC	DD139
N12	USN AD RES-30 DAYS OR LE	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	1
K61	DOD/VA SHARING AGREEMENT	NC	FLEX	NC	FLXO	DD7/DD7A
N14	USN ACADEMY CADET	NC	SR	NC	NC	DD7/DD7A
N21	USN ROTC	SR	NC	NC	NC	DD139
K62	WC-DOD BENE, DOD EMPL	NC	NC	NC	NC	
B26	NOAA APPLICANT/REGISTRAN	NC	IAR	NC	IOR	DD7/DD7A
N24	USN FRM AD-TRANS ASSISTA	FMR	NC	NC	NC	
K53	FED EMPLOYEE ALCH AND DR	IAR	NC	FLXO	NC	Keep a printed
K71	IMET NON-NATO MILITARY/C	NC	IMET	NC	IMO (copy handy

CHCS Menu: MSA -> MSR -> PCT or MSA -> IFM -> OPM -> PCT



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Capture Outpatient Clinic Services and Procedures in ADM, LAB, RAD & PHR sub-systems in CHCS:

- ADM Encounters with a Status of "COMPLETE" and Completed LAB, RAD & PHR services will be automatically assigned a "BILLING" Flag by CHCS
- CHCS will automatically transfer "Billable" services for processing to TPOCS, CHCS MSA or the DD7A, based on the Billing Flag assigned by CHCS
- Services MUST be associated with a "Billable"
 Provider



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- Clinic end of day completion process sets the stage for billing
- Provider file clean-up is the key to most biling problems
 - Location& Clinic ID
 - Provider Specialty
- Inactivate obsolete entries



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Accounts for MSA billable services will be created three days following the date of service:

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Ambulatory (Outpatient) Encounter Encounter

Laboratory Test Specimen Collected

Radiology Exam (Technical) Exam Performed

Radiology Exam (Tech and Professional) Report Approved

Radiology Exam (Professional)

Pharmacy Prescriptions Issued

Label Printed

Report Approved



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Key Files and Data Elements for OIB

- Patient Category Codes
- CPT Codes
- Current NDC Codes
- Correct Provider Specialty
- Entry of the requesting location for orders (linking diagnosis to request)